GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:127
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SEIZURE OF FAKE CURRENCY PAPERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases reported and the value of fake currency/fake stamp papers/fake Non-Judicial Stamp papers/fake dollars seized during each of the last three years till date, State-wise;

(b) the loss of revenue suffered by the Government;

(c) the number of persons arrested during the said period, State-wise;

(d) whether persons apprehended in cases relating to such currency/stamp papers etc. are linked to militant outfits and illicit drug peddlers;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check the printing/circulation of such fake currency/stamp papers etc. in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.127 FOR 23.7 REGARDING SEIZURE OF FAKE CURRENCY/PAPERS.

(a)to(f): As per information available in the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) a State/UT-wise statement showing the incidence of seizure of counterfeit currency notes, the total value and the number of accused involved therein, during the last 3 years (1999 to 2001) is given at Annexure-A. Information on fake stamp papers and fake non-judicial stamp papers is not compiled by the Bureau.

The collection of information on fake foreign currency, including Dollars was started only in the year 2001 and the same is enclosed at Annexure-B.

The information on the loss of revenue suffered by the Government is given at Annexure-C.This includes the recovery of counterfeit notes in circulation as reported to NCRB, by various branches of the RBIInformation relating to the year 2002 has not yet been received in the NCRB.

The detection, registration, investigation and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and case-wise details in regard to acts of crime are not maintained at the Union level. Some cases have come to the notice of the Government in which fake currency notes were recovered from militants and members of the underworld.

A High Level Committee has been constituted with representatives from the Department of Economic Affairs, Reserve Bank of India, Ministry of Home Affairs/National Security Council Secretariat, to go into the entire gamut of issues pertaining to the circulation of fake Indian currency. The Central Bureau of Investigation has created a special unit for exclusive investigation of counterfeit currency notes. The Border Security Force has alerted its forward troops to be more vigilant so as to ensure that such currency notes are not smuggled into the country. In order to combat counterfeiting, currency notes are also printed with additional security features. RBI has initiated a public awareness campaign in this regard. Instructions have been issued to all State Governments from time to time to take appropriate measures for curbing the menace of circulation of fake currency notes.

ANNEXURE - `A`

STATEMENT SHOWING INCIDENCE, VALUE OF SEIZURE AND ACCUSED INVOLVED IN COUNTERFEITING CUR NOTES DURING 1999, 2000 AND 2001

(STATE / UT-WISE)

Sl.No.	State/UT	1999 Incdent	1999 Value (in Rs.)	1999 Accused	2000 Inci	2000 Value (in Rs.)	2000 Accused	2001 Inci.	2001 Value (in Rs)	2001 Accused
1	Andhra Pradesh	27	47950	67	117	692910	294	110	2121945	237
2	Arunachal Pra.	2	26000	0	3	200	0	04	9540	04
3	Assam	61	158320	49	40	281270	70	45	637300	77
4	Bihar	NA	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	NA	NA
5	Goa	6	700	1	36	12400	10	03	6200	01
6	Gujarat	173	833230	87	42	4706740	18	51	2871720	NA
7	Haryana	53	353020	63	18	377890	33	51	350200	72
8	Himachal Pra.	2	11000	1	1	1300	1	03	60100	04
9	Jammu & Kashmir	29	55000	14	12	208400	20	15	1094750	27
10	Karnataka	98	793280	70	668	1353990	207	110	1471300	448
11	Kerala	65	501900	60	51	368930	85	69	736440	73
12	Madhya Pradesh	51	0	0	5	19900	3	4	1300	10
13	Maharashtra	329	184620	54	83	1053910	72	98	10629285	109
14	Manipur	16	131900	10	13	159600	17	15	258420	28
15	Meghalaya	3	14400	1	2	1900	5	02	17400	06
16	Mizoram	55	1168120	27	11	388500	14	11	867900	15
17	Nagaland	7	1200	4	4	5400	6	09	209150	14
18	Orissa	1	0	0	4	800	4	04	36800	06
19	Punjab	4	298620	45	43	1959820	32	46	1154050	64
20	Rajasthan	42	153150	19	53	584700	20	46	3642620	20
21	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	01	600	0
22	Tamil Nadu	61	322470	9	84	1043210	0	65	727230	23
23	Tripura	1	500	1	8	10500	11	05	67200	07
24	Uttar Pradesh	141	3838760	151	134	21856705	144	116	2209851	197
25	West Bengal	26	940010	38	59	124020	89	14	29100	21
	TOTAL (STATES)	1253	9834150	771	1491	35132995	1155	897	29210401	1462
26	A & N Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0	02	750	0
27	Chandigarh	1	500	1	7	8600	5	02	1000	02
28	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA	NA
29	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	1	500	0	01	1000	05
30	Delhi	86	700	70	10	49710	9	02	244000	03
31	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
32	Pondicherry	9	2900	2	5	167500	10	03	3850	02
	Total (UTs)	96	4100	73	23	226310	24	10	250600	12
	Total (All-India)	1349	9838250	844	1514	35359305	1179	907	29461001	1474

NOTES: 1. FIGURES ARE PROVISIONAL.
2. `NA` - STANDS FOR `DATA NOT AVAILABLE`.

Annexure - `B`

Statement showing Seizure of Fake Foreign Currency During 2001

Sl.No.	State	Distt.	Police Station	FIR No. & Dated	Denomination	No. of Seized Accused	Remarks
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad City	Asifnagar	46/2001 02-03-01	US Dollar	1 3	
2.	Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli	V.K. Puram,	53/2001 08-03-01	US Dollar 1 Miln.	N.A.	Denomination
3.	Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli	Munneropallam	123/2001 10-06-01	100 US Dollar 190	N.A.	indicated as
4.	Kerala Saudi Arabia	Kozhikode	Kasaba	85/2001 23-02-01	Riyal (100)	2 3	given in the original
5.	Kerala	Tirvandram	Attingal	26/2001 11-01-01	US Dollar 41	3	document.
6.	Kerala	Kollam	Kollam East	491/2001 10-06-01	US Dollar 100	3	
7	Kerala	Palakkad	Agali	37/2001 22-02-01	Riayl (500) Riyal (50) UAE Derham of 100	1 3	

Note : The above Foreign Currency have been seized along with Fake Indian Currency in the same case.

Annexure - `C`

Statement showing Loss of Revenue to the Government on Account of Counterfeit Currency (Indian) During 1999,2000 and 2001

Sl.No.	Year	Total Seized (Rs.)	Recovery reported by RBI Branch (Rs.)	Total Revenue Loss (Rs.)
1.	1999	9838250	8497065	18335315
2.	2000	35359305	24087760	59447065
3.	2001	29461001	26982980	56443981
	Total	74658556	59567805	134226361